

around us, now. We want our five-day forecast so we don't worry about the erratic weather. America wants instant gratification, and when the world can't deliver that to us, we worry.

With so much to worry about, people want to find peace. They want to escape from the struggles of everyday life. They want to put life on hold, press the pause button and relax. There's peace to be found. It's everywhere. Peace is found in nature, in a sunset, in a mountain lake, in the smile of a baby; there is peace. Nothing attracts a crowd like a newborn baby. Complete strangers will come up to the new parent carrying the baby and look at the parent and smile and look at the baby and smile and smile at the parent again. The complete stranger found peace in that child—an inner peace knowing the future was in that beautiful smiling baby. There's peace in a sunset. When you watch a sunset, you don't have to worry about anything; you don't worry about who left a message on your answering machine. You don't worry about what time you have to get up tomorrow. You concentrate on the here and now. You find serenity and that's what people look for. They look for mental calm. They look for peace of mind.

In order for America to find peace of mind, we must change. When we can have faith in what is going on in the present, we begin to feel better about what will happen in the future. But it all starts from within. When we have control of our lives, we can begin to take a look at the rest of the world. We make our place in the world—we do our part to make it better. It takes work and it's not instantaneous, but the goal is a future peace. A peace that helps people sleep at night; a peace that helps parents feel safer; a peace so strong that you can look at a baby and smile and not have to worry about the future.

A TRIBUTE TO MONSIGNOR
WILLIAM A. KERR

HON. WILLIAM J. COYNE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 5, 1995

Mr. COYNE. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased today to pay tribute to Monsignor William A. Kerr, Ph.D., President of La Roche College in Pittsburgh, PA, who has been selected by the Myasthenia Gravis Association of western Pennsylvania to receive its Celebration of Life and Services Award.

Monsignor Kerr will be honored in Pittsburgh on April 8, 1995, by the Myasthenia Gravis Association of western Pennsylvania for his leadership in celebrating the dignity of life and the need to bring all people together to address human needs. The Myasthenia Gravis Association of western Pennsylvania is an organization dedicated to helping those whose lives are affected by a neuromuscular disorder. It is estimated that 10,000 to 20,000 individuals are affected by Myasthenia Gravis [MG] but there are several treatment options available that can improve the quality of life and increase the ultimate life expectancy for the person with MG. This organization selects individuals each year to receive its Celebration of Life and Services Award to recognize those who have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to serving others and uplifting the human spirit.

Monsignor William A. Kerr is exceptionally well qualified to receive the 1995 Celebration

of Life and Services Award. He has provided La Roche College with remarkable academic leadership while also sharing with the local community and the Nation his commitment to uniting individuals in a common campaign to improve the human condition. Monsignor Kerr has worked to establish at La Roche College the Pacem In Terris Institute, a center for alternative thinking about modern violence. Through this Institute, he has displayed his dedication to promoting conflict resolution in both American society and in the international arena. He has brought in students from war-torn Eastern Europe to study at La Roche College and he has helped to forge a partnership between La Roche College and Passavant Hospital.

Monsignor Kerr quickly emerged as a valued resident of the Pittsburgh area since becoming the sixth president of La Roche College in 1992. Under his leadership, La Roche has achieved great growth in student enrollments and this achievement has been marked by the largest first-year class and the largest number of international students in the college's 32 year history. Monsignor Kerr is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce, the Presidential Leadership Development Council of the American Council of Education, based in Washington, DC, and he is on the International Affairs Board of the Council of Independent Colleges and Universities. Before coming to La Roche College, Monsignor Kerr was vice president for university relations at The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC.

Mr. Speaker, it is fitting that the Members of the U.S. House of Representatives should have this opportunity to join in paying tribute to Monsignor William A. Kerr, 1995 recipient of the Celebration of Life and Services Award. I am pleased to join with the Myasthenia Gravis Association of western Pennsylvania in saluting Monsignor Kerr.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BLANCHE LAMBERT LINCOLN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 5, 1995

Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained because of travel difficulties and unfortunately was not present for roll call vote 280, a vote on the Fishermen's Protective Act Amendments and roll call vote 281, a vote on U.S. Citizens Imprisoned in Iraq.

Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on both votes.

CONGRATULATIONS TO UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT'S WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. SAM GEJDENSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 5, 1995

Mr. GEJDENSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the University of Connecticut's women's basketball team on their victory Sunday to claim the NCAA national championship.

This game capped an unforgettable season in which the Lady Huskies became only the second team in NCAA women's basketball tournament history to finish the year without a loss.

Coach of the Year, Gene Auriemma, NCAA Player of the Year Rebecca Lobo and the rest of the Huskies beat the University of Tennessee in the championship game to take home the national title. The Lady Huskies also dominated the regular season, winning their games by an average of 34 points.

Over the past few months, the people of Connecticut—sports fans and non sports fans alike—caught Husky fever. Across the State, the Huskies were the team to watch. Incredibly, in February, UConn made NCAA history by becoming the first school ever to secure simultaneous No. 1 rankings in the Associated Press poll for its men's and women's basketball teams. The women's team never gave it up.

The national media even turned its spotlight on the small town of Storrs, as the undefeated Huskies continued their dream season. In once interview, Coach Auriemma joked that at a recent game at Gampel Pavilion, there were more reporters in attendance than there were fans at his first game 10 years ago.

As a graduate of UConn, I am proud to announce that the Lady Huskies are indisputably the best women's basketball team in the country. Congratulations on a job well done. Go Huskies!

TONY MOORE, DRESDEN HERO,
RISKS LIFE TO SAVE NEIGHBOR

HON. GERALD B.H. SOLOMON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 5, 1995

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, according to Webster's Dictionary, a hero is "a man admired for his achievements and noble qualities; one who shows great courage." In a time when precious few individuals qualify for this distinction, Tony Moore, a corrections officer from Dresden, NY, stands out as a true hero.

On February 1, 1995, Tony noticed smoke streaming through a heat-cracked window in his neighbor's front door. Realizing that his neighbor was most likely still inside the house, Tony ignored the potential to himself and crawled through the smoke-enveloped entrance, making his way to the bedroom. There he found his neighbor, unconscious from the suffocating smoke. Tony dragged his neighbor outside, and then proceeded to take action to extinguish the blaze. These courageous acts were all performed by Tony before any emergency personnel arrived to help. If not for Tony's heroism, his neighbor surely would have lost his life, not to mention his home.

Mr. Speaker, in a society all too often ruled by selfishness and apathy, Tony Moore's actions set him apart as an individual for whom doing the right thing and helping others in danger are not difficult choices, they are the only choices. Tony has already been commended by his town of Dresden, and I now ask that you and all Members of Congress join me in a tribute to Tony Moore, a true hometown hero.